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SUBJ: TRAINING ASSISTANCE FOR KAF (U)

1. (C) IN LATE 1972 AND AGAIN IN EARLY 1973 WE RECOMMENDED CONTINUATION OF FANK SPECIALIST TRAINING IN RVN. THIS REQUEST RECOGNIZED THAT TRAINING OF COMBAT UNITS WAS NOT POSSIBLE BUT POINTED OUT THAT TRAINING OF INDIVIDUALS OR SMALL GROUPS OF SPECIALISTS WAS ANOTHER QUESTION. AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE THESE PROGRAMS WAS DENIED.

2. (C) DUE TO ACCELERATED DELIVERY SCHEDULE OF TACTICAL AIR FRAMES TO CAMBODIA, CURRENT ON-GOING AND PROGRAMMED TRAINING FOR KAF IN THAILAND WILL NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TRAINED PERSONNEL TO FULLY UTILIZE THIS INCREASED KAF CAPABILITY WITHIN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME FRAME. PRIMARY ADVANTAGE TO TRAINING IN RVN IS THE SPEED RESULTING FROM COMMON LANGUAGE CAPABILITY AND SPEED IS OF THE ESSENCE NOW.

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3. WE BELIEVE THE CURRENT SITUATION WARRANTS A

REVIEW OF EARLIER DECISIONS TO CEASE TRAINING FOR FANK
SPECIALISTS IN THE RVN. IF WASHINGTON BELIEVES SUCH AN
ARRANGEMENT POSSIBLE UNDER THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENTS,
WE RECOMMEND INITIATING IMMEDIATELY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE
GVN AND THE GKR TO RESTABLISH TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR
REQUIRED KAF SPECIALISTS, WHICH WE ESTIMATE AT FROM 100 TO 150
PILOTS AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL.
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